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Location	Augusta, Georgia UTM: Quad:
Date of Construction:	1882
Present Owner:	Unknown
Present Use:	Site only.
Significance:	All traces of the Shamrock Mill building have disappeared. Its site between the Seaboard Coastline Railroad tracks and the Augusta Canal is a convenient parking space and dump for fishermen and picnickers visiting the nearby Rae's Creek. From the canal bank at the old "tin house gate," however, one can trace the path of the old wood sluiceway (head-race) to the mill. At the end of what appears to be evenly separated brick bases, the ground quickly descends to Rae's Creek and a jumble of twisted guide irons. These once supported the Shamrock Mill's turbine.
Historian:	Robert L. Spude, 1977

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William H. Goodrich, a cashier with the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company, built the Shamrock Mill in 1882. [1] The smallest of the Augusta, Georgia, textile mills--it had less than 4,000 spindles--it operated sporadically and changed hands at least once within a decade after it was built. In 1890, historian Charles C. Dutcher called it the Warwick Mill. [2] Sometime before 1904 the mill was liquidated or destroyed, and if any part of the structure stood by 1936, it would have been washed away that year by water from the breakage of the canal and the dam creating Lake Olmstead.

According to Sanborn-Perris fire insurance maps, the mill was composed of a one-story brick carding and spinning room, and an attached one-story and basement picker room. A small turbine powered the mill's machinery. [3]

Footnotes

1. Augusta Chronicle, "Trade Issue," October 9, 1887.
2. Charles C. Jones and Salem Dutcher, Memorial History of Augusta (Syracuse, New York: Mason & Co., 1890), p. 422.
3. Sanborn-Perris fire insurance maps for Augusta, 1884, 1890, in Map Room, University of Georgia, Athens.